

highly-trained professionals. Sometimes, our Dad even worked a third part-time job tutoring inmates at MCI-Shirley which was another job he loved.

You see, for our Dad, supporting education was not just a bumper sticker you slapped on the back of your car, or a slogan you repeated at PTA meetings. For him, education has been more than a career; it has been a way of life.

For all of our Dad's native intelligence and his worldly sophistication, he is really a very simple man with very simple tastes. He likes a cheap glass of wine and a good glass of scotch. He likes an all-you-can-eat buffet or any restaurant he has a coupon to. He likes a good long walk, preferably by the ocean. He likes short sermons at Mass. He likes 60 Minutes on Sunday nights. He likes a good book, the Boston Sunday Globe and anything Tom Farragher writes he believes is the best thing he has ever read. He also likes his so-called off-site construction meetings with Phil Bailey and pizza with Carol Ann Hamilton and Joan Strang. And, he likes family vacations or any other occasion, with the possible exception of tonight, that brings his children and grandchildren together.

In addition to these simple tastes, there are a handful of institutions that our Dad holds dear and the only one that rivals his affection for the Clinton Public Schools is his alma-matter, the University of Notre Dame, which he shares with both of his brothers, two of his four children, and his friend and former colleague Pat Burke.

About 12 years ago, my older brother came across a letter to the editor in the Notre Dame Student Newspaper, The Observer, which he shared with me. I saved it because it is as near-perfect description of our Dad that I have ever seen reduced to writing and if you'll indulge me a little bit longer, I'd like to read a portion of it for you now.

"A man is someone who cares passionately about things that need caring about. Someone who refuses to accept things that are wrong, even though accepting them would be easier. Someone who yells sometimes and fights sometimes and cries sometimes and is not afraid to do any of those things when he feels a need to. Someone who doesn't always win or even come close, but who know instinctively that trying is what counts. Someone Notre Dame is proud of."

For fully thirty-five years, our Dad has tried and succeeded in making the students in his care and the schools systems in his charge the very best they could be. And so, by that standard, or any other for that matter, I think tonight it is fair to say:

Dad, the University of Notre Dame is proud of you. Your profession is proud of you. The Town of Clinton is proud of you. And, most especially, your children are, as we have always been, so very proud of you.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROCKY FORD DAILY GAZETTE

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 8, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today and pay tribute to the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette and its hard working staff in Rocky Ford, Colorado. The Daily Gazette has long been the source of local news for the community and year after year has demonstrated excellence in reporting. As they celebrate their one-hundredth Anniversary, let it be known that it is my pleasure to honor the

Daily Gazette and their dedicated staff before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The paper was initially started in 1887 by Harry V. Alexander under the name of the Rocky Ford Enterprise. In 1904 the name was changed to the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette. Reaching its first centennial as the Daily Gazette demonstrates the staying power that results from the hard work and dedication the staff has shown. Fifty years ago, the Daily Gazette changed ownership when Ross and Anne Thompson purchased the town's newspaper, and it has remained in the family ever since. They have passed the responsibility of managing editor on to their son, J.R. Thompson.

As a result of their hard work and dedication serving the community, they have received several honors. Ross and Anne were awarded the 1979 honor of publisher of the year by the Colorado Press Association. In 1984, Anne won the Emma McKinney Award for her demonstration of distinguished service to the community. The Gazette now serves thousands of readers in two counties.

Mr. Speaker, the staff of the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette have committed to the betterment of their community by using the free press to inform their fellow citizens. The dissemination of information plays an important role in maintaining the tight knit society characteristic of our country's smaller towns. I congratulate the Gazette for one-hundred years of success and wish its staff all the best in their future endeavors.

#### HONORING PATRICIA McCUNIFF REGAN

#### HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 8, 2004*

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a notable Kansas City resident, Patricia McCuniff Regan, on her 79th birthday. Patty, as she is affectionately called by all who know her, has devoted her life to being a spirit of friendliness and benevolence wherever she goes. With her late husband, Bob, and friends and neighbors, she created "Westports of the World," an assembly of Westport sister cities stretching across our great nation and the globe from New Zealand to Ireland. Global Westport residents have been meeting in a sister city since the assembly's inception. Westport in Kansas City hosted a pioneer meeting in 1985 and a worldwide convention in 1995.

Throughout her life, Patty has focused on creating positive change in the community around her by participating in campaigns and exercising her rights as a citizen. She assists those in need and is a model of exemplary public service. Patty and Bob worked for civil rights and fair housing in the 1960's while raising their children. As she approaches her eighth decade, Patty continues to make our community and country a better place.

Patty and Bob welcomed nine children into this world. Without doubt, their children and grandchildren are a tribute and a great source of pride. Despite e.g., losing son Timothy at age seven in 1961 and husband Bob in 1986, Patty maintains her "joie de vivre." Terry Leager, Amy Schulz, Danny Regan, Becky

Regan, Peggy Regan, Jenny Krizman, Patrick Regan, and Carol Braun are fortunate, indeed, as are their children. They exemplify the generosity of character and fun loving spirit of Patty and Bob.

Patty truly lives the axiom she taught her children—to think of others before oneself. She demonstrates selfless optimism and generosity through her community activities, by her service as a Eucharistic minister in the Guardian Angels parish, and in giving blood every eight weeks for most of her adult life. I have personally benefited from her loving generosity on numerous occasions in the more than quarter century we Irish lassies have depended upon each other. What would Christmas be without Regan cookies and luminarias created at their Roanoke abode?

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Patty Regan on her 79th birthday. I am grateful for her friendship and am honored to recognize her for a lifetime of giving back to her community. Westport is a better place for her being in it, as are all the lives she has touched in her 79 years of extraordinary good works.

#### A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY JOSEPH

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 8, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Anthony Joseph in recognition of his entrepreneurial success in the marketing and communications field.

As a product of New York City public school system, Anthony parlayed his academic achievement and his experience as an All-City championship football player into a walk-on position on the Boston University squad. Anthony promoted campus parties and events to subsidize his tuition. After graduation, he quickly turned a temp job in The New York Times' finance department into a staff position in the paper's marketing department.

With just one experience as an employee with the New York Times, Anthony combined his knowledge of urban landscape with his marketing expertise to incorporate the fastest rising marketing/communication company in the urban field. Anthony laid the foundation for his urban success by moonlighting with Vital Marketing Group VMG while still at the Times. Through contacts at a major apparel and an advertising agency, Anthony was able to participate in business meetings where he was able to present strategies, which, over time, turned into contracts with Tommy Hilfiger, Hush Puppies, and Wolverine Boots.

Eventually, Anthony's growing client base necessitated his departure from the Times. He partnered with the African-American media company that established the billboard beachhead on Harlem's 125th Street, utilized by so many entertainment companies at the time. Together they formed VMG, with Anthony leading the charge. After merely four years of business, its roster counts big-timers such as the U.S. Army, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Coca Cola, Remy Martin, Foot Action, Posner Cosmetics and Universal Records to name a few. It has an income of over \$7 million in annual revenue.

Vital Marketing's unusual methodology and its consistent success can be credited in great

part to its founder and president, Anthony Joseph. The Queens-bred son of a Jamaican mother and Puerto Rican father, Anthony, understood the significance of culture early on as it related to marketing.

In May 2001, VMG was presented with the Black Enterprise Rising Star Award, in honor of the high revenues garnered by VMG's high profile clients. A year later, VMG offered further proof that they were on the ascent when they turned a cold call and a year of conversation into a multimillion dollar contract with the U.S. Army via advertising giant Leo Burnett.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Joseph has created a successful company through his own hard work and ingenuity. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO GRETCHEN  
SEHLER

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 8, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to pay tribute to Gretchen Sehler of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. As a ski instructor and an avid outdoorswoman, Gretchen has inspired the community to take full advantage of the outdoor recreation opportunities in her community. I would like to join my colleagues here today and recognize Gretchen before this body of Congress and this nation.

Gretchen first moved to Steamboat Springs to work as a ski instructor in 1983. Every winter she dedicates herself to teaching interested people the fundamentals of skiing and, in doing so, has had the opportunity to share her passion for the outdoors. When the ski slopes close for the year, her desire for outdoor recreation remains. In the past, she has spent time as a life guard at the Steamboat Springs Health and Recreation Center, but her current passion is mountain biking. Working for the Parks and Recreational Services Department, she has organized a series of eight mountain bike races involving over eight-hundred riders. Recently, Gretchen and two friends started Rocky Peak Productions and created a new twenty-four hour endurance mountain bike race in Steamboat Springs.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Gretchen Sehler and her commitment to improving the lifestyles of her fellow citizens. Outdoor recreation is very important in Colorado's communities and Gretchen's work exemplifies this spirit for recreation. I thank Gretchen for her work and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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TRIBUTE TO MR. WALTER ALLEN  
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**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 8, 2004*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and congratulate Mr. Walter Allen, III as the newly appointed director of the California Youth Authority by

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. As the director, Mr. Allen oversees one of the largest youth corrections agencies in the nation, with over 4,000 wards, nine institutions, four camps, 16 parole offices and two regional parole offices.

Born and raised in Oakland, California, Mr. Allen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning from California Polytechnic University in Pomona. Following graduation, Mr. Allen began his long and dedicated career in law enforcement beginning as a Police Officer with the Chino Police Department and transitioning to a Special Agent for the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. Over the past 20 years, Mr. Allen has distinguished himself in every avenue of his career where he has earned special agent assignments and leadership appointments. Most recently, Mr. Allen served as the Assistant Chief for the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.

In 1997, Mr. Allen became active in local politics and was elected to serve on the city council for Covina, California, where he has actively participated as Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor. Currently, Mr. Allen serves as council member and continues to work towards maintaining a high quality of life for the citizens of Covina.

Throughout his life, Mr. Allen has demonstrated his commitment to public service through his career and political activism. He has proven to be an honorable citizen and has admirably embraced his civic duty to his country. I am proud to honor Mr. Allen's achievements and congratulate him on his new appointment.

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THE TEACHER PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES ACT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 8, 2004*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Teacher Professional Development Institutes Act, legislation based on a unique and highly successful partnership between the New Haven Public School System and Yale University. Based on the model which has been operating at Yale for over 25 years, my proposal would establish eight new Teacher Professional Development Institutes throughout the country each year over the next five years.

Today, it is more important than ever for our nation's teachers to have access to the skills and resources they need to prepare our children for the future. Since 1978, the Institute has been providing area educators with the opportunity to strengthen themselves professionally through annual seminars in the humanities and sciences—by working with program participants to bring the curriculum and lessons of the seminars to the classroom.

In this bill, every Teacher Institute would consist of a partnership between an institution of higher education and the local public school system in which a significant proportion of the students come from low-income households. The program strengthens the present teacher workforce by giving participants the opportunity to gain more sophisticated content

knowledge and a chance to develop curriculum units that can be directly applied in classrooms. For example, the Yale-New Haven program it is based on has offered several thirteen-session seminars each year, led by Yale faculty, on topics that teachers have selected to enhance their mastery of the specific subject area that they teach.

The result is that teachers have been found to gain confidence in their deeper understanding of the subject matter and enthusiastically deliver their new curriculum to the classroom—qualities that translate into higher expectations for their students and in turn, higher student achievement.

And student achievement is what this effort is about. By allowing teachers to determine the seminar subjects—by providing them the resources to develop curricula for their classroom and their students—this legislation lifts up our students by empowering teachers. With a K through 12 teacher shortage forecast in the near future, those already teaching will do the majority of teaching in the classrooms in the very near future. As such, it is imperative that we invest in methods to strengthen our present teaching workforce.

Like the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute before it, we believe this program can provide a model for communities around the country. And so, it is my distinct honor to introduce the Teacher Professional Development Institutes Act, and I look forward to its consideration in this body.

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CONGRATULATING FOR THE LOVE  
OF THE LAKE

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 8, 2004*

Mr. HENSARLING. Today, I would like to congratulate a very special organization on a very special anniversary. On Saturday, July 10, 2004, White Rock Lake's "For the Love of the Lake" organization will mark the 100th consecutive month of shoreline spruce-ups that have helped keep the shores of White Rock Lake clean and the surrounding park looking beautiful.

For the Love of the Lake is a truly grassroots effort, made up of caring volunteers who are dedicated to improving White Rock Lake and the surrounding area. The organization is a shining example of conservation and volunteerism in action. For the Love of the Lake shows what good people can do when they come together to accomplish something for the betterment of their community.

My wife, Melissa, and our two young children enjoy White Rock Lake very much. The lake area is important, not just to those who live in the neighboring streets, but to all of the people that come to White Rock Lake to enjoy the beautiful landscape, water, trees and parks.

For the Love of the Lake volunteers understand that we have a duty to protect and preserve these wonderful natural resources for our children and future generations. Since its inception in 1995, thousands of people have given their time, effort and energy in a variety of ways to help keep White Rock Lake looking beautiful, from picking up litter, to painting murals and buildings at the park, to attending